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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT THE ROSWELL BRANCH OF EASTERN NEW MEXICO
12 UNIVERSITY DESIGNATE A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS THE COORDINATION
13 OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, NATIONAL LABORATORIES AND OTHER FEDERAL
14 RESEARCH AGENCIES LOCATED IN NEW MEXICO FOR THE CREATION OF
15 TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTERS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.
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17 WHEREAS, rural New Mexico, which has been historically
18 dominated by traditional rural and agricultural enterprises,
19 now finds itself in transition because of global and
20 technological forces; and

21 WHEREAS, transition in the rural areas of New Mexico
22 includes the changing demography of rural communities,
23 agriculture in transition, land and water issues, education and
24 workforce issues, the need for diversified and value-added
25 industry, quality of life issues, health care quality and

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1 access and rapidly changing technology; and

2 WHEREAS, these changes have created a significant gap
3 between the resources and the needs of New Mexico's rural
4 communities; and

5 WHEREAS, the rural communities struggle with these changes
6 as they work to recruit, expand or retain businesses; and

7 WHEREAS, most of the rural communities also require
8 technical support for planning and development, even as New
9 Mexico leads the world in technology development through its
10 two national laboratories and several national research
11 centers; and

12 WHEREAS, if New Mexico is to resolve these dichotomies, it
13 must develop an effective method of applying its technological
14 assets to the business and workforces of its rural communities,
15 and New Mexico's rural community colleges are in the best
16 position to do that;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Roswell branch of eastern New
19 Mexico university:

20 A. designate a task force to address the
21 coordination of community colleges, national laboratories and
22 other federal research agencies located in New Mexico for the
23 creation of technology transfer centers and workforce
24 development centers;

25 B. develop recommendations for regional approaches

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1 and potential pilot projects; and

2 C. report its findings to the economic and rural
3 development and telecommunications committee during the 2004
4 interim; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of economic
7 development and the board of regents of eastern New Mexico
8 university.

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